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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 181230 ACTION ALGIERS AMMAN BEIRUT CAIRO
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SUBJECT: VISAS: ARAB STUDENTS ON A-2 VISAS

1. SEVERAL OF ADDRESSEE POSTS ARE ALREADY AWARE THAT
DEPT. IS PRESENTLY STUDYING QUESTION OF PRACTICE ADOPTED
BY POSTS IN SOME ARAB COUNTRIES OF ISSUING A-2 VISAS TO
HOST GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED STUDENTS. IN ORDER TO DETERMINE
HOW WIDESPREAD THIS PRACTICE IS, DEPT. WOULD APPRECIATE
ALL ADDRESSEE POSTS CABLING REPLIES TO FOLLOWING:

A) DOES POST ISSUE A-2 VISAS TO ARAB STUDENTS? IF SO,
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HOW MANY DURING FY-75?

B) ARE F VISAS ISSUED TO ANY ARAB STUDENTS? IF SO, HOW
MANQ DURING FY-75?

C) HOW DOES POST DELINE ATE BETWEEN WHICH STUDENTS RECEIVE
"A" VISAS AND WHICH RECEIVE "F" VISAS?

D) TO CONOFF'S KNOWLEDGE, HOW LONG HAS POST BEEN ISSUING
ARAB STUDENTS A-2 VISAS AND HOW DID THIS PRACTICE START?

E) IN HOW MANY CASES HAVE STUDENTS ON A-2 VISAS APPLIED
FOR ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS, IF ANY?

F) WHAT PROBLEMS DOES POST PERCEIVE IN U.S. RELATIONS
WITH HOST GOVERNMENT IF DEPT. REQUIRED STRICT
ADMINISTRATION OF LAW, I.E. F VISAS FOR ALL STUDENTS?

G) DOES CONOFF INTERVIEW ALL GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED
STUDENTS AND FOLLOW PROCEDURES OUTLINED FOR STUDENT VISA
APPLICANTS PRIOR ISSUING A-2 VISAS?

2. RESPONSES FROM ADDRESSEE POSTS SHOULD BE COUNTRY-WIDE.
ADDRESSEE POSTS WHICH DO NOT ISSUE "A" VISAS TO ARAB
STUDENT VISA APPLICANTS NEED ONLY CABLE NEGATIVE REPLY.
ALL POSTS SHOULD CONTINUE TO PROCESS STUDENT VISA APPLI-
CATIONS ACCORDING TO ESTABLISHED POST PRACTICE PENDING
DEPARTMENT'S DECISION. INGERSOLL

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